September 26, 2020

To the Byram Hills School Community,

Yesterday marked 17 days of in-session classes at Byram Hills. We are fortunate to have been able to bring our schools back—but every day we must focus on the safety measures needed to keep us all safe. One such measure is guarding our school community against the spread of COVID-19 when cases occur.

I am sending a community reminder this morning about District communication related to COVID-19. On September 14th I sent a community message about a COVID positive case and relayed the Department of Health conclusion that quarantine was not necessary for other individuals based on the number of days that had passed since the COVID-19 positive individual had been in our schools. I notified our community that unless you hear from the District and the Department of Health, there is no determination (after investigation) that a COVID-19 positive case would have affected you.

Today I write to remind you that we will have positive cases, but that anyone deemed by the Department of Health who needs to quarantine will be notified. Otherwise, I will not be sending notifications each time there is a positive case.

I know that it is likely that we will have to quarantine parts of buildings or whole buildings when a situation warrants it, and we will be ready to do so to protect our school community. Know that you will receive a communication from me, should that ever be the case.

Thank you for keeping your family safe so that we may all continue to go to school each day.

Sincerely,

Jen Lamia, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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August 30, 2021

To The Byram Hills School Community,

Welcome back! This week Byram Hills opens its doors and welcomes our students to a new school year on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. We are excited to have all students in session, grades K-12, and for athletics and extracurricular activities to occur fully in-person. Our faculty and staff have been preparing curriculum, classrooms, and outdoor spaces, and we are ready. Please spend a few minutes to read about the work completed in our schools this summer, and the COVID-19 plans to safely start our new year.

Changes in Our School Buildings

Thanks to our Operations and Maintenance Department, our students and staff will notice changes in each school, including:

- **Coman Hill**
  - Generator Install – All the underground work and pad has been completed, and we wait for the delivery of the generator. Coman Hill is currently the only school without a generator.
  - LED lighting & ceiling replacement completed in many areas.
  - Air conditioning completed in all rooms by the start of school except gym and cafeteria.

- **Wampus**
  - New roof over cafeteria completed.
  - New walkway bus drop-off/pickup - The walkway and stairs, railing work, and brick walk are complete. The awning will be completed the second week of September (thank you, PTSA!!!).
  - LED lighting and ceiling replacement completed in various areas.
  - VCT floor replacement completed in three classrooms.
  - Upgrade to fire alarm system is ongoing with possible completion date October 1st.
  - Purchased and installed five new pieces of playground equipment as part of scheduled replacement.
  - Air conditioning in all rooms, except gym and cafeteria.

- **H.C. Crittenden**
  - Multi-purpose court complete (Thank you, BHEF!!!!).
  - Amphitheater seating at the courts completed.

September 6, 2022

Dear Byram Hills School Community,

Thank you for a wonderful first day with your children. Back-to-School has never been better!

Sincerely,

Jen Lamia, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools